

PG&E Overhead Powerline River Crossing at Pulga Special Use Request

PALS 58816, 09/16/2020

PG&E requests that right-of-way and facilities be authorized and attached to the existing Master Special Use XXMA-01-10017 (PNF02262019) and governed by the Operation and maintenance plan.

PG&E is proposing new overhead electric distribution (12kV) line over the North Fork Feather River in the Plumas National Forest to replace the existing river crossing that services Pulga and Union Pacific railroad. The project is being done in conjunction with the Highway 70 underground project. A new wood riser pole will be installed on the Highway 70 side of the crossing, roughly 500 feet upstream of the existing pole. A 30-inch-diameter auger will be used to create an 8.5-foot-deep pole hole. All spoils will be hauled off-site. The underground line will be trenched from the highway to the new riser pole. The existing pole on the railroad/Pulga side of the crossing will be used for the new crossing. Two screw anchors and guy wires will be installed at the new pole location and one screw anchor and guy wire will be installed at the existing pole location. Pending all approvals, PG&E will install the new crossing in Fall 2020.

The project was entered into PALS and appeared on the Schedule Of Proposed Actions (SOPA) on September 16, 2020. The project briefed to the Butte County Forest Advisory Committee (BCFAC) September 28, 2020 at their monthly meeting.

The project is anticipated to have a decision in October, 2020 and implementation during the Fall season. Please provide any comments to Erika Brenzovich, erika.brenzovich@usda.gov or Clay Davis, clay.davis@usda.gov